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# Office Action Summary

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STEFANIAK ET AL.

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2 and 4-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-18 and 20-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103**

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 4, 5-18, 20-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Butani et al. (US Publication 2003/0172010).

Regarding Claim 1, Butani discloses a method for consolidating (combining multiple sources to one) computing devices (figs. 1, 2), comprising: retrieving a first data set (set of data from element 104 or 204) indicative of system parameters of a first computing device (104 or 204. figs. 1, 2); retrieving a second data set (set of data from element 106 or 206) indicative of system parameters of a second computing device (106 or 206. figs. 1, 2); determining at least one system parameter in the first data set that is different from a similar aspect of system parameter in the second data set ("analysis may include identifying the differences ... illustrating differences between different sets of data...". Paragraph 0041); and providing a visual depiction of the at least one difference ("...Identify differences in the two analysis results" Abstract. "Publish the Results of the Data Analysis". Fig. 3).

As discussed above, Butani essentially discloses the claimed invention but does not explicitly show that user can determine whether to consolidate programs or data of the first computing device on the second computing device.

However, Butani teaches the source or computing device can be chosen as a digital camera (718) (fig. 7). The image or video file can be retrieved from digital camera. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have consolidate or store the data (in this case, a photo file that digital camera does not contain) from the first computing device such as the data source shown in figs. 1 and 2 on the digital camera substituting a second computing device in order to play or display the file. Such

transferring or downloading the files for playing has been commonly used. Merely consolidating or allocating data from location to location does not produce unexpected result and novelty.

Regarding Claim 4, Butani discloses the method as recited in claim 3 wherein the system parameters comprise at least one of the number of processors (702), available processors (702), processor level, devices (722), disk drive characteristics (720), disk drive capacity (710, 720), system, and network connectivity (728), system CPU utilization (702), and system memory load (704, 706) (Fig. 7).

Regarding Claim 5, Butani discloses the method as recited in claim 1 wherein the system parameters of a computing device comprises information indicative of executable process parameters ("a user may execute procedure 500 on an unchanged set of data". Paragraphs 0044, 0042).

Regarding Claim 6, Butani discloses the method as recited in claim 5 wherein the executable process parameters comprise at least one of: CPU utilization (for 702), memory utilization (for 704, 706).

Regarding Claim 7, Butani discloses the method as recited in claim 1 wherein the information indicative of the system parameters of the first and second computing devices (data source and digital camera) comprises information indicative of computing device database definition parameters (inherent feature. All kind of data must have own definition or file name such as Txt, Jpg, Jeg. Etc).

Regarding Claim 8, Butani discloses the method as recited in claim 1 wherein the visual depiction comprises a chart indicative of the level of difference between at least on system parameter ("...identify differences in the two analysis results" Abstract. "Publish the Results of the Data Analysis". Fig. 3) on the first and second computing devices (data source and digital camera. See discussion in the rejection of Claim 1)

Regarding Claim 9, Butani discloses the method as recited in claim 1 wherein the visual depiction comprises a textual display (display device 732) (fig. 7) comparing the system parameters of the first data set with the system parameter of the second data set.

Regarding Claims 10, 12, 15, 16, 27, 29, 32, 34, 35, Butani essentially discloses the claimed inventions but does not explicitly disclose the data set is listed, stored in tables, stored in column and row. However, Displaying or indicating the sets of data in any representation does not change the scope of the

invention. It is well known that data is commonly or widely presented in tables and lists. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that data could be listed and stored in table to provide conventional presentation in order to provide let viewers to read all the data at once in the table or list.

Regarding Claims 11, Butani discloses the method as recited in claim 6 further comprising an indicator (on display device) comparing the process version in the first set with the process version in the second set. ("analysis may include identifying the differences ... illustrating differences between different sets of data...". Paragraph 0041).

Regarding Claims 13, Butani discloses the method as recited in claim 7 wherein the computing device database definition parameters inherently comprise at least one of: database names (104, 106) or user defined datatypes.

Regarding Claims 14, 33, Butani does not explicitly disclose comparing login names of the data sets. However, since Butani does not limit the kind of the data sets, comparing login names as one within the data set is not restricted. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to compare login name in order to identify the person who is using the system.

Regarding Claim 17, Butani discloses the method as recited in claim 1 further comprising receiving a plurality of first data sets and a plurality of second data sets and determining at least one system parameters in the first data sets that is different from a similar system parameters ("analysis may include identifying the differences ... illustrating differences between different sets of data...". Paragraph 0041) in the second data sets over time.

Regarding Claim 18, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 1, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 18.

Regarding Claim 20, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 3, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 20.

Regarding Claim 21, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 4, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 21.

Regarding Claim 22, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 5, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 22.

Regarding Claim 23, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 6, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 23.

Regarding Claim 24, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 7, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 24.

Regarding Claim 25, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 8, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 25.

Regarding Claim 26, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 9, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 26.

Regarding Claim 28, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 11, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 28.

Regarding Claim 30, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 11, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 30.

Regarding Claim 31, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 7, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 31.

Regarding Claim 32, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claim 13, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 32.

Regarding Claim 36, as discussed in detail of the preceding rejection on claims 1 and 17, Butani meets the limitations of Claim 36.

#### **Allowable subject matter**

Claims 2 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### **Response to Arguments**

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 2, 4-36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

#### **Conclusion**

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

#### **Correspondence**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Wilson Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-1824.

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